



# NNI NEWS

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## Deb Hermann

### to take the helm of NNI in July

Former 2-term Councilwoman Deb Hermann has been named Chief Executive Officer of Northland Neighborhoods, Inc.

She will begin work July 18. Jim Rice, current CEO, will remain with NNI as Senior Associate for Planning and Development.

The changes are part of a reorganization that NNI Board President Dan Fowler says will take the 15 year-old community development corporation to a new level. "As CEO for the last eight years, Jim Rice brought NNI into the mainstream of community development corporations, launched new housing initiatives, and established the organization as a key player in the Northland.

Deb Hermann is the perfect person to lead NNI in this new era of scarce resources, volatility in the housing market, and an evolving Northland," Fowler says. He cited Hermann's reputation as a neighborhood leader and member of the City Plan Commission, and her City Council experience as Chair of the Housing and Finance and Audit Committee. Fowler said Hermann's success in balancing three of the most difficult budgets



in Kansas City history was evidence of her financial skill, her knowledge of the City, and her ability to bring all segments of the community together around important goals.

Rice is also excited about Hermann's new role. "I was an enthusiastic supporter of the reorganization from the git-go," Rice says. "We've accomplished many good things during the last eight years. But now we need new ideas and new energy at the top. We are extremely fortunate to have landed Deb before someone else did. I feel very honored and privileged to be a part of the Hermann team."

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## NNI Annual Meeting yields

### New Board members

Representatives of certified member organizations of Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. gathered at NNI June 27 to elect Board members and get an update on NNI's activities during the past year. Elected to second 3-year terms were Chuck Chamberlin, ElizaBeth Clayton and Marty Schuettpelez. Elected to his first full term was Dave Mecklenburg.

It was a banner day for Dave Mecklenburg. That morning, Mayor Sly James informed him of his appointment to

the Kansas City Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, one of the most prestigious appointments the Mayor makes. Mecklenburg has been a lifelong advocate for parks is known to be passionate about the future of both the Northland and Kansas City.

Following the Annual Meeting, the new NNI Board elected the following slate of officers:

- President – Dan Fowler
- Vice President – Tom Schweitzer
- Treasurer – Beth Sullivan
- Secretary – Chuck Chamberlin

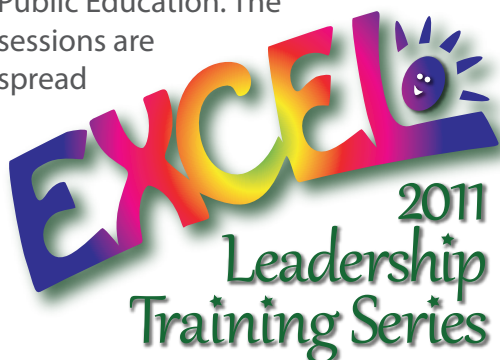


## EXCEL leadership program to launch July 7

### Still time for last-minute applications

The 2011 EXCEL neighborhood leadership program will begin July 7 with a welcome dinner and orientation. There is still time for interested persons to submit an application. The program includes sessions on Neighborhoods, Northland Geography and Demographics, State and Local Government, Energy and the Environment, Infrastructure, Economic Development, Community Justice, and Public Education. The sessions are spread

over 6 months to make the experience easy to absorb and enjoyable. Past participants praise the program for the quality of its curriculum and the positive experience of working with fellow participants on realistic neighborhood issues. Persons interested in enrolling should contact Jim Rice at 816-454-2000 or jim\_rice@nni.org. Completed applications can be submitted by U.S. mail or e-mail.



#### Did you know . . .

*NNI can help your neighborhood get organized? We offer by-laws and board development. We can teach you how to organize community events such as neighborhood cleanups, we even have a tool lending library!*

## Neighborhood Clips

Some brief-but important-announcements and information that might be helpful to neighborhoods in the Northland.

### **July senior workshop will energize you about energy efficiency**

Join other seniors on Wednesday, July 13, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for some common sense talk about "Why you should care if your home is energy efficient." Sandi Garrison, EnergyWorksKC Neighborhood Representative, will be on hand to talk about sensible approaches to weatherizing your home, other ways to conserve energy, and the importance of energy audits. She will also tell you about the targeted weatherization program planned for the Winnwood-Sunnybrook neighborhood.

### **NNI seeks qualified low-income home repair contractors**

Northland Neighborhoods, Inc. needs qualified low-income contractors to do home repair work including: Heating and Cooling (HVAC) Systems; Roofing; Windows and Doors; Gutters; Plumbing and Water Heaters; Code Violation Remediation; Siding; Removing Barriers to Access; Weatherization Activities; Lead Testing and Abatement; Flatwork/Concrete; and General Contracting. Please contact Larry Washington at 816-454-2000 for more information.

### **NNI can help wipe out home-based allergens**

The Kansas City Safe & Healthy Home Partnership will review your child's health, and the health of your home. The home environmental assessment includes checking indoor air quality and ventilation, dust and allergen levels, moisture and mold, a household chemical survey, a home maintenance survey, and a home safety check-up. You can enroll today by calling 816-235-6331 or NNI at 454-2000 to see if you qualify.

Grove Park and conclude there about an hour later. In tribute to the potentially steamy July weather, the run is called the Northland Hot Trot. Registration fee is \$25 until July 11, \$30 after July 14 through the day of the event. The Family-Friendly Fun Run is \$5 per family. The race will be professionally timed and the route will wind through tree-shaded Kansas City and Gladstone neighborhoods. Neighborhood associations are invited to participate with runners, water stations and sponsorships. Local businesses are also invited to sponsor the event. Volunteers are needed for packet preparation, packet pick-up tables, route-monitoring and water stations. For more information, call NNI at 454-2000 or The Wheel Cyclery at 455-2453. You may also e-mail The Wheel Cyclery at [info@thewheelcyclery.com](mailto:info@thewheelcyclery.com).

## Northland Hot Trot 5K Run/Walk only 4 weeks away!

NNI's July 30, 2011 Night Out Against Crime Kick-Off is a chance to learn about crime prevention at a fun filled picnic atmosphere AND enjoy a 5K Run/Walk. The Kick-Off will again be held in Gladstone's Oak Grove Park, from 5 to 8:30 p.m. The run will begin at 7 p.m. in Oak



## Events in July 2011: Dates and times are subject to change. Please check our website for latest information\*

### Thursday, 7/7

EXCEL Orientation Session

6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, 7/13

Senior Workshop

9:00 a.m.

### Monday, 7/18

NNI Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, 7/19

1st District Problem-Solving

8:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, 7/19

Greenhaven Neighborhood

7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, 7/20

Cop Talk

6:30 p.m.

### Monday, 7/25

Meet Your Councilpersons

6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, 7/26

Neighborhood Roundtable

6:00 p.m.

\*NNI provides meeting space for any organization that provides a legitimate civic or public purpose. An organization's use of NNI meeting space does not imply any approval or endorsement of that organization's positions on any public issues.

## July PIAC hearings In the 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Wednesday, July 6, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Park Hill Community Education Center, 7703 NW Barry Road, Room 230

Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.,

Northland Cathedral, 101 NW 99<sup>th</sup> Street

## ABOPT final results in

NNI's May 21 collection of antifreeze, batteries, oil, paint, and tires, and other materials set new records. Volunteer and staff hours at the May 21, 2011 event totaled 165. Check out how 2011 compared with 2010.

